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Elliottia racemosa

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Wes Whiteside—Species Information Sheet

I. Nomenclature

Family: Ericaceae

Genus Species(Authority): *Elliottia racemosa* Muhlenb. ex Elliot

Subspecies/Variety(Authority):

Cultivar:

Common Name: Georgia Plume

II. Origin (country and/or habitat)

Native/Rare Native/Uncommon Old World/Rare Old
World/Uncommon

Georgia plume has a limited range occurring on sandy soils in seventy discrete stands in Georgia along the Altamaha- Ogeechee- Savannah river system and one location in South Carolina (Tucker 2009).

III. Habit

Tree	Shrub	Vine
Herbaceous Annual Perennial	Herbaceous Biennial	Herbaceous

Flowering Season: Mid July for ten days to two weeks.

Flower Color: White

Fruit Type: Capsule

IV. Source of Plant Material

From where or whom obtained and when: Three plants of *Elliottia racemosa* were obtained from Woodlanders Nursery of South Carolina on a few occasions starting around 1999.

Propagule Material:

	Seed	Vegetative	Whole Plant
Details:			

Availability: Difficult to obtain, occasionally available from Woodlanders Nursery or Fairweather Gardens

V. Cultural

Special Soil Type: Peat has been added to the soil and it appreciates an acid condition

Soil Moisture: Wet **Mesic** Dry Other

VI. Additional Comments

Dr. Whiteside has two plants of *Elliottia racemosa* remaining and has had experienced considerable success with them. For a member of the Ericaceae, it has proved to be fairly easy to grow and quite handsome with its abundant mid-summer flowers. Arnold Arboretum originally would dig their plant up into a bucket to over winter the plant in a cave for fear of a lack of winter hardiness. Since then it was realized that *Elliottia* indeed has a potential for winter hardiness on their grounds.

VII. Literature Cited

Tucker, G.C. 2009. *Elliottia racemosa* Muhlenberg ex Elliott (Ericaceae) in Flora of North America Editorial Committee (eds.). Flora of North America 8: 474. Oxford Univ. Press, New York.





